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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Pierre ROGIER

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For: PROCESS FOR IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF A MULTIPROCESSOR SYSTEM COMPRISING A JOB QUEUE AND

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROCESS

McLean, Virginia

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, insert the following headings:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--;

Page 1, delete the entire paragraph beginning at line 22 "Within the scope.." to page 2, line 1, ending "... called a process" and insert the paragraph at page 6, line 17, preceded by the following heading:

--Definitions--;

Page 2, line 2, before the paragraph beginning "one of the essential...", insert the following heading at the left hand margin:

-- Description of Related Art-